

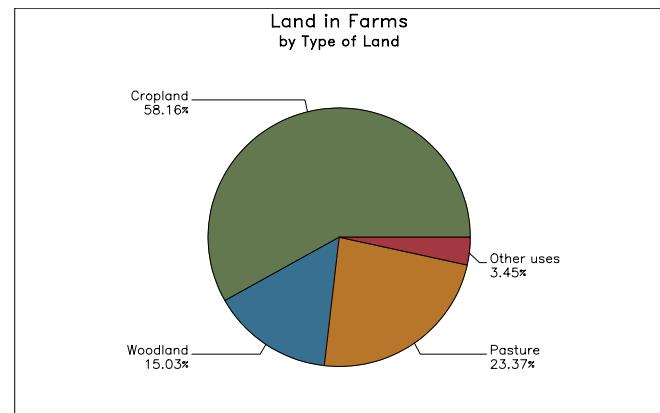
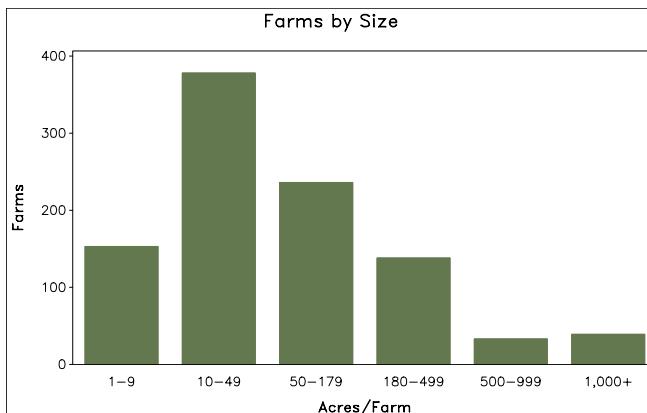
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## Parish Profile

### Rapides, Louisiana



	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	977	996	- 2
<b>Land in Farms</b>	177,300 acres	201,374 acres	- 12
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	181 acres	202 acres	- 10
<b>Market Value of Production</b>	\$84,549,000	\$66,708,000	+ 27
Crop Sales \$73,704,000 (87 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$10,845,000 (13 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$86,539	\$66,976	+ 29
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$3,917,000	\$2,261,000	+ 73
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$22,254	\$12,630	+ 76



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#### Ranked items among the 64 state parishes and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	84,549	9	64	1,051	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	73,704	5	63	570	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	10,845	21	64	1,989	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	16,237	17	55	1,060	2,933
Tobacco	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	437
Cotton and cottonseed	5,493	11	26	187	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	504	12	61	1,064	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	61	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	42,043	1	55	78	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	35	(D)	1,710
Other crops and hay	8,659	14	63	197	3,054
Poultry and eggs	33	26	60	1,877	3,020
Cattle and calves	9,055	5	63	1,269	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(-)	(-)	34	(-)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	25	12	58	1,872	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	38	8	57	1,857	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	732	10	61	309	3,024
Aquaculture	864	19	52	229	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	99	7	53	1,002	2,875
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	25,640	10	63	1,185	3,060
Horses and ponies	2,075	7	63	519	3,066
Layers	1,298	21	61	1,415	3,024
Colonies of bees	1,180	5	54	418	2,640
Goats, All	1,120	3	59	658	3,023
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans for beans	15,534	15	45	910	2,039
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	14,853	7	62	1,331	3,060
Cotton, all	12,857	11	26	199	627
Sorghum for grain	11,020	8	32	166	1,158
Corn for grain	10,464	14	43	1,155	2,634

#### Other Parish Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	281
\$1,000 to \$2,499	117
\$2,500 to \$4,999	103
\$5,000 to \$9,999	121
\$10,000 to \$19,999	87
\$20,000 to \$24,999	31
\$25,000 to \$39,999	35
\$40,000 to \$49,999	41
\$50,000 to \$99,999	46
\$100,000 to \$249,999	41
\$250,000 to \$499,999	20
\$500,000 or more	54
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	70,240
Average per farm (\$)	71,893
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	19,521
Average per farm (\$)	19,981

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	453
Other	524
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	840
Female	137
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.0
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
American Indian or Alaska Native	15
Asian	26
Black or African American	36
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	(-)
White	1,368
More than one race	10
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	24

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.